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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU RECOGNITION

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1. PRIMIN PALME'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PIERRE SCHORI TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 18 THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT
MUCH TO COME FROM DISCUSSIONS ABOUT GUINEA-BISSAU IN
OTTAWA BETWEEN DANISH AND NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND
SOARES (SEE REFTEL). "IT IS THE WRONG SUBJECT AT THE
WRONG TIME WITH THE WRONG PERSON, BECAUSE WE KNOW SOARES
IS FOR FULL AND QUICK INDEPENDENCE FOR GUINEA-BISSAU, AND
WE DOUBT IF SPINOLA WILL BE WILLING GRANT FULL INDEPENDENCE
IMMEDIATELY, WHICH IS THE ONLY SOLUTION." SCHORI SAID
FURTHER THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY REASON
FOR SWEDEN TO DELAY RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU, BUT
SCHORI SAID HE WAS NOT NECESSARILY REFLECTING PALME'S
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THINKING.

2. COMMENT: SCHORI IS UP-TO-DATE ON PORTUGAL, HAVING RECENTLY GONE WITH SOCDEM DELEGATION TO LISBON. HE IS ALSO A FAR-LEFT IDEOLOGUE. THE MORE CAUTIOUS AND CONSERVATIVE PALME WILL PROBABLY NOT MOVE AS FAST AS SCHORI WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU. IT IS APPARENT FROM CONVERSATION WITH MFA UNDERSECRETARY ASTROM THAT THE MFA DOES NOT WANT PRECIPITATE ACTION WHICH MIGHT UNDERMINE SOARES (REFTEL). IF IT APPEARS THAT ALL TALKS HAVE FINALLY BROKEN DOWN BETWEEN LISBON AND PAIGC, THEN SCHORI'S POSITION WILL PROBABLY PREVAIL. MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON SOARES, WHO REMAINS THE MAIN HOPE FOR THE SOCDEMS HERE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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